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ticket away from said separator member and through said outlet opening.

29. (Amended) A module as in Claim 27 in which said separator member has a shaft with a helical projection extending therefrom, and including a drive motor mounted in said housing for selectively rotating said shaft to separate tickets in said strip.

REMARKS

Photocopies of Figures 1, 3, 6 and 7 of the drawings are enclosed with proposed changes marked in red. These changes are believed to provide the corrections requested by the Examiner. Approval of the changes is respectfully requested.

The objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) is respectfully traversed. The objection that the "credit means" as set forth in Claim 1 is not shown is incorrect. Most of the components in the left-hand portion of Figure 5, as well as the display 21, CPU 84, modem 106, and central computer 108 form the "credit means". This includes the unit 26 and the components in the upper left-hand portion of Figure 5 comprising elements 39, 101, 41 and 37. The manner in which these elements cooperate together are described in the specification, particularly on pages 3-4, the bottom of page 7, and under the heading "WINNER CREDIT FEATURE" starting on page 17.

As it is described there, this feature of the invention enables a player to play one or more of a plurality of different games, and then apply the winnings from one of the games to obtain a credit to play others of the games in the same machine.

As it is stated at the bottom of page 18, instead of the player having to bother a clerk to give the player another free ticket, or \$2 or \$5 cash for a winning ticket, and then return to the machine to buy more tickets, if he or she so desires, the player can conveniently convert the winnings into more tickets. The result is higher ticket sales, lower labor usage, and better convenience for the player and the store owner.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the "credit means" is shown in the drawings.

The objections to the specification are believed to have been overcome by the foregoing amendments.

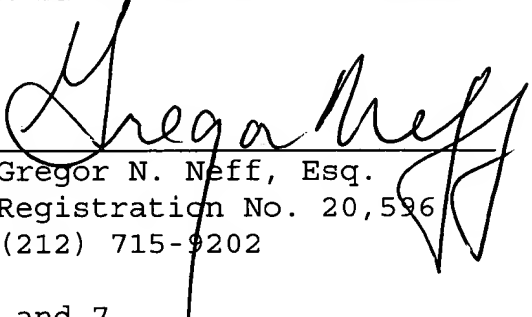
It is believed that the claims have been amended so as to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. However, the objection to the use of the term "credit means" in Claim 1 as being vague and indefinite is respectfully traversed. The structure that it refers to is described above in connection with the discussion of Figure 5 of the drawings. The expression is broad, but it is not vague and indefinite. The breadth of the claim is commensurate with the scope of the invention.

An Official Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

Photocopies of Figures 1, 3, 6 and 7